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1. DEPT. APPROVES LINE YOUR SUGGESTED DEMARCHE WHICH SHOULD BE PREFACED BY STATING THAT US DEPLORES LOSS OF INNOCENT LIFE AS RESULT BEIRUT RAID JUST AS IT DEPLORES ALL TERRORIST ATTACKS INCLUDING THOSE BY PALESTINIANS.
2. YOU SHOULD ALSO DRAW AS APPROPRIATE ON STATEMENT BY ASST. SECY. SISCO (STATE 68339) AND REMARKS BY SECRETARY TO ARAB AMBASSADORS APRIL 12 (SEPTTEL).
3. BELIEVE YOU COULD ALSO STATE TO GOT THAT WE HOPE IT WILL USE ITS GREAT PRESTIGE IN ARAB WORLD TO HELP LIMIT EFFECT OF THESE FALSE ACCUSATIONS AGAINST US.
4. RE YOUR SUGGESTED STATEMENT PARA 5 REFTTEL, LEBANESE AMB. KABBANI SAID IN MEETING ARAB CHIEFS OF MISSION WITH SECRETARY APRIL 12 THAT HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF USG COULD MAKE STATEMENT NOT JUST CONDEMNING TERRORISM IN GENERAL BUT SPECIFICALLY CONDEMNING TYPE OF TERRORISM CARRIED OUT BY ISRAELIS EARLIER THIS WEEK. SECRETARY REPLIED THAT IF WE CONDEMN ONE, WE WOULD THEN HAVE TO CONDEMN EACH INDIVIDUAL TERRORIST ACTION. USG POLICY IS TO CONDEMN ALL TERRORISM FROM EVERY QUARTER, BECAUSE TERRORISM MAKES NO SENSE AT ALL.
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